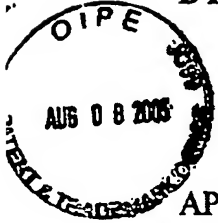


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**AMENDMENT Under 37 C.F.R. §116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected Claim 1 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claims 2-9 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's intention to allow Claims 2-9 has been duly noted.

Hyder Ali  
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